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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 11/9/59

WEATHER Seasonable temperatures prevailed at the beginning and end of the week, but very cold weather for this time of year occurred Thursday and Friday. The onset of the cold weather was accompanied by very strong winds and gales, and rain changing to snow. Amounts were very light over the western portion of the State, light in the central, moderate in the southeast to heavy in the northeast. Snow depths ranged up to 8 inches in the northeastern corner of the State Friday morning.

October was cold and wet. The northern portion of the Panhandle was the only large area with deficient precipitation. Most of the State received about twice the normal precipitation. Most of the moisture came during the first few and last two days of the month, with much fine weather during the middle. Average temperatures were generally the lowest for any October since 1925.

CROPS Corn and sorghum harvest was held up by rain and snow in much of the State, although some progress was made during the clear weather at the beginning and end of the week. Winds caused additional lodging and ear-drop in unharvested corn fields. In a few local areas, wheat fields on light soils were hurt by blowing.

Corn harvest has passed the half-way mark with 55 percent picked by last Saturday. Progress continued slow in the southeast section where many farmers were anxious to finish milo combining before starting on corn. Harvest is running about 10 days later than last year but fairly close to the average. Central districts were two-thirds finished, a number of northeast counties were three-fourths done, but the southeast had only 35 percent of the crop picked.

Sorghum grain harvest is in the final stages with nearly 85 percent of the crop combined. Quality and yield of milo is generally good to excellent over the State.

Harvest of other late crops is nearing completion. Stormy weather caused delays here and there, and the ground froze in some sugar beet fields.

Moisture in the form of rain or snow was highly beneficial for fall seedings, pastures and haylands. The wheat crop has a good stand with the soil packed nicely around the plants in most cases. The crop lacks average height because of late seeding, but color and vigor is good to excellent.

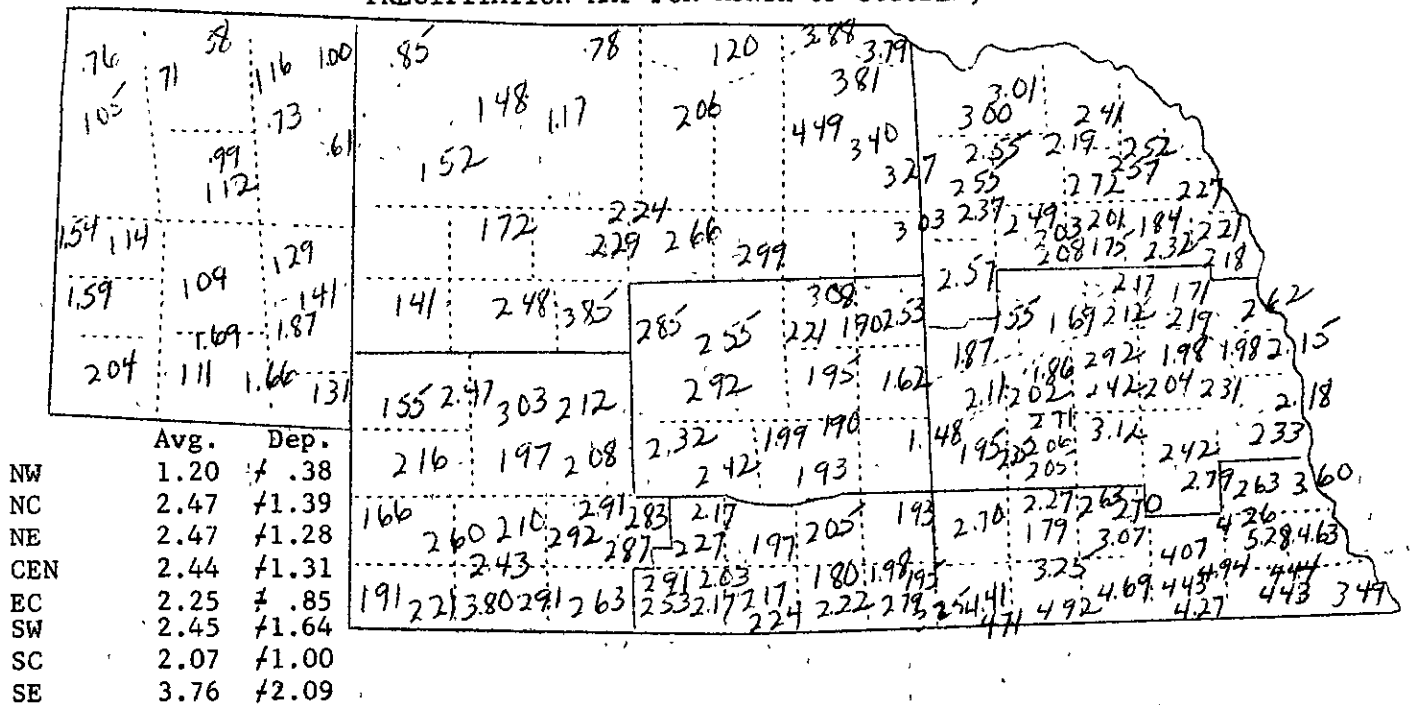
LIVESTOCK Low temperatures, freezing rain and snow were disagreeable for livestock. The storm was of short duration and livestock seemed to have held their condition without much shrink.

Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle and calves into Nebraska during October were 153,000 head, 5 percent below a year earlier. Since July 1, however, inshipments have exceeded those of a year earlier by 13 percent. Sheep and lamb arrivals were 195,000 head, 26 percent below October 1958. Inshipments from July 1 to date are 9 percent less than a year ago.

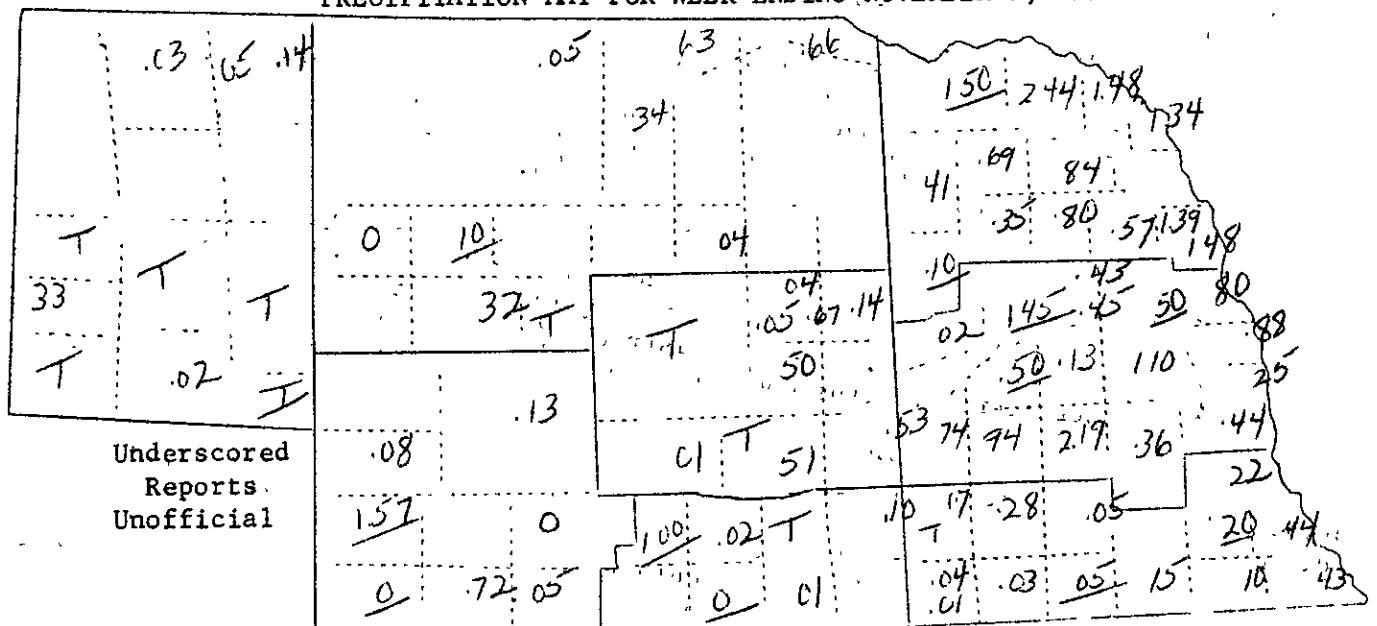
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 1959

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.53	Burwell	.04	Chadron	.03
Lincoln	.36	North Platte	.13	Imperial	---
Norfolk	.35	Valentine	.05	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	.88			Sidney	.02
Sioux City	1.34				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1959



PRECIPITATION MAY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 1959



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		November		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	74	29	58	35	40	4	20	1	51	35	--	26	52	28		
	Scottsbluff	70	32	58	30	40	11	25	6	54	32	--	19	52	20		
	Sidney	65	33	59	29	49	9	23	6	51	21	--	22	53	23		
NC	Burwell	59	33	63	34	--	13	23	7	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	Valentine	54	31	50	29	35	11	15	-1	45	36	45	21	48	27		
NE	Norfolk	55	35	63	34	45	18	22	4	33	26	44	23	53	28		
	Sioux City	52	37	62	41	44	20	30	7	25	20	40	22	48	29		
Cen	Grand Island	58	38	66	40	51	18	23	7	37	29	48	24	56	29		
EC	Lincoln	56	50	65	49	53	23	29	11	29	25	47	30	52	32		
	Omaha	53	41	65	44	46	22	34	9	24	20	43	25	49	28		
SW	Imperial	57	33	59	39	45	13	24	7	51	30	--	24	54	23		
	North Platte	58	26	66	35	43	12	21	2	47	27	47	18	55	21		

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